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EVENT CONTROL DEVICE AND DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The entire disclosure of the Japanese patent application No. Hei 11-106739,
5 filed on April 14, 1999, including its specification, claims, drawings, and
abstract is incorporated herein by reference.

β-3 This application is divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial
Number 09/545,744, filed on April 13, 2000, now U.S. Patent Number 6,711,620
Field of the Invention

This invention relates to event control, and more specifically to automated
10 delivery of events.

Background of the Invention

In a window system for personal computers or the like, when a plural
number of windows are running, to which of the windows the inputs entered
15 through a mouse or a keyboard (event signals, or events) should be given must
be determined. Conventionally, an operating system controls to give events to
windows that are chosen and activated by an operator.

However, the operation with such a method is cumbersome because the
20 operator must choose and activate an intended window or windows by the
use of the mouse, etc.

To solve the above problem, JP-A-Hei 5-11962 proposes to keep a list of
windows that can be activated, so that windows are switched sequentially by
25 pressing a specific key. This enables the user to switch windows simply by
pressing the specific key. This has put to practical use a simpler method of
switching windows than choosing windows by the use of a mouse.